REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicant filed a new Power of Attorney on September 19, 2005 (copy enclosed) and respectively requests that the address information as well as the Attorney Docket Number be changed as recited herein. Specifically, the new Attorney Docket Number should be listed as 85864.

The application presently stands with claims 1-7, 22-23, and newly added claims 26-33. Claims 1-4, 7, and 22-23 were amended for the reasons mentioned below. Claims 1, 22 and 29 are independent.

Claims 1-7, 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobylevsky et al. (US Patent No. 6,493,427) in view of Goetz et al. (US Patent No. 6,421,650). In response, the cited combination does not disclose or suggest all of the features recited in independent claims 1 and 22 as amended. Specifically, applicant amended claims 1 and 22 to clarify that one feature of the invention is providing access for a pharmacy to an interactive response system for obtaining an approval of a refill request from a physician. Thus, the invention includes steps of prompting the <u>pharmacy</u> for providing information where at least one of the prompting steps is audible. This is one way to eliminate miscommunication between a doctor's office and the pharmacy.

For the reasons mentioned above, applicant submits that the 34 USC §103(a) rejection of independent claims 1 and 22, as well as their respectively depending claims 2-7 and 23, have been overcome and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 29 and claims 30-33 that depend from it were added to cover the feature of the invention where the pharmacy is prompted audibly and the information provided by the pharmacy is also confirmed audibly as well as other features. Claims 2-4 and 7, and 26-28, which all depend from claim 1, were amended or added to recite further features of the invention.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons mentioned above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution.

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